

B1 8. A forearm for a gun, said gun being a pump action type shotgun having a barrel, said
2 forearm comprising:
3 a grip having a forward end and a rearward end; and
4 a handle assembly having a securing element and a hand grip and being located about and
5 above said barrel, said securing element being connected to said grip proximate said rearward
6 end of said grip and said hand grip being connected to said securing element forward of said
7 securing element.

B2 9 11. The gun of claim 8 wherein said gun is an automatic load type shotgun.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are currently pending. In the Office Action dated December 17, 2002. Examiner Thomson made comments regarding the drawings, objected to the specification, rejected Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejected claims 8, 9, 12, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tellie (U.S. Patent No. 3,939,589), allowed claims 1-7 and indicated claims 10 and 11 would be allowable if able to rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 As set out above, Claims 9, 12 and 13 have been cancelled with traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation applications based on these claims. Claim 8 has been rewritten to include the claim limitations of claim 10. Claim 10, thus, has also been cancelled.

Drawings

Examiner Thomson indicated the previously submitted proposed substitute drawings were approved. Formal drawings having the proposed changes are included with this response.

Specification

Examiner Thomson objected to the specification for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the limitations of the securing element being connected proximate to the rearward end of the grip and the hand grip being connected forward of the securing element. The specification has been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Examiner Thomson has rejected Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for having an insufficient antecedent basis for the element “said barrel.” Claim 8 has been amended to address this rejection. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Examiner Thomson has rejected Claims 8, 9, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tellie. Claim 8 has been amended to include the claim limitations of claim 10. Since Examiner Thomson has previously indicated that Claim 10 would be allowable if rewritten to address the Section 112 rejection, Claim 8 should not be anticipated by Tellie. Regarding Claims 9, 12 and 13, such claims have been cancel rendering this rejection moot. Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

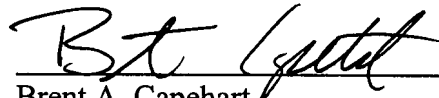
Examiner Thomson has indicated that Claims 1-7 are allowable. Further, Claims 10 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the Section 112 rejection set out above. These claims depend from Claim 8, which has been amended to overcome the Section 112 rejection. Additionally, the claims limitations of Claim 10 have been incorporated into Claim 8. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 8 and 11 contain allowable subject matter. Allowance is respectfully urged.

Based on the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for registration and reconsideration is requested. If the Examining Attorney has any questions or comments or if further clarification is required, it is requested that he contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

It is understood there is no fee due at this time and thus none is attached. However, should a fee deficiency have occurred, please contact the undersigned.

Per 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) the attached includes a set of 'clean claims' as required. These claims reflect suggested changes in the Amendment herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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